

A BILL

FOR AN ACT REQUIRING ALL COMPANIES OWNING OR OPERATING ANY RAILROAD OR ANY PORTION OF A RAILROAD WHOLLY OR IN PART IN THIS STATE, TO PAY FOR ALL PERSONS, STOCK OR PROPERTY KILLED, MAIMED OR DESTROYED BY THEM AT PUBLIC HIGHWAY CROSSINGS OR ON DEPOT GROUNDS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That every railroad company owning or operating a railroad, or any portion
2 of a railroad wholly or in part in this State, shall be held responsible to pay for all persons
3 or stock maimed or killed or property destroyed by said railroad at highway crossing or on
4 depot grounds owned or occupied by such railroad companies, at their or its full value, to be
5 determined by a jury of citizens, who shall be freeholders in the county where such killing
6 of persons or stock or destruction of property is done, as is now provided by law for other
7 damages.

SEC. 2. After the finding of such jury, if the railroad company or their agent refuse to
2 pay such damage within forty (40) days after such finding of the jury, and the plaintiff has,
3 by reason of such delay, to bring suit to recover such damage, the jury may, in their finding
4 against such railroad company, include a reasonable attorney fee for plaintiff, together with
5 all other costs of suit.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in full
2 force from and after its publication in the Des Moines Leader and Iowa State Register,
3 papers published at Des Moines, Iowa.